

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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AUGUST 12, 2003

FROM: EDOUARD P. LAYAYE, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures

**SUBJECT: NURSERY INSPECTION AGREEMENT
STATE AGREEMENT NO. 03-0384**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Agreement No. 03-0384 with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the County Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures to conduct a program of nursery stock inspections, from July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004, for compensation in the amount of \$11,931.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: County agricultural commissioners are required by Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 6903 to enforce the laws regulating nursery stock, and do so by enforcing pest cleanliness standards and labeling requirements for plants when inspecting nurseries in their county. The California Department of Food and Agriculture (State) subvents the costs incurred by county agricultural commissioners for these inspections by disbursing to the counties a portion of the annual licensing fee paid to the State by each nursery. The annual amount of revenue for each county corresponds to the number of acres of licensed wholesale and producing nurseries within that county. San Bernardino County has 890.75 acres of these nurseries, and the State compensates the County at the rate of \$13.39 per acre inspected under the terms of this contract. The State also reimburses the counties for new nurseries licensed and delinquent license renewals processed through the counties at the rate of \$50 per license. Finally, the State will compensate the County a current hourly staff rate, not to exceed \$35 per hour, for nursery investigative work, provided such work is approved in advance by the State. Reimbursement for licensing activities and staff time for investigative work is in addition to the \$11,931 specified in this agreement.

This agreement was received from the State on July 18, 2003.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Wayne F. Thies, Administrative Analyst) on July 30, 2003, and reviewed by the Office of the County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel) on July 29, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Appropriations to perform this activity and revenue from this contract were included in the Department's budget for FY 2003/04.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the department's proposal and recommends this action on the basis of continuing these mandated inspection services to the State.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Edouard P. Layaye, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, 387-2115

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